

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract as amended below with a replacement Abstract shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please AMEND the Abstract in accordance with the following:

A program development device ~~provides~~ providing functions of developing ~~an a~~ unitarily designed application program even when utilizing components, in which a multiplicity of interfaces can be used, and a multiplicity of combinations of these components can be provided. The program development device ~~(1, 10)~~ for developing the application program by use of the component having the plurality of interfaces, includes a component selecting module ~~(101)~~ for having the component selected, an interface selection module ~~(102, 103)~~ for having the interface selected for the selected component, and setting the selected interface in a valid or invalid state, a recording unit ~~(4)~~ for retaining a set record ~~(11)~~ of having set the interface in the valid or invalid state, and a edit module ~~(120)~~ for supporting the development of the program by use of the interface set in the valid state or the interface that is not set in the invalid state in accordance with the set record.

laying out the laid-out components, a recording unit ~~(4)~~ for retaining a layout specification record ~~(11)~~ of the prescribed layout specification, and a edit module ~~(120)~~ for supporting a development of the program by laying out the laid-out components in the layout component in accordance with the layout specification record ~~(11)~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19, with the following paragraph:

Preferably, the program development device ~~(1, 10)~~ may further comprise a specification designating module ~~(13)~~ for designating one of a plurality of layout specification records.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 25, with the following paragraph:

Preferably, the program development device ~~(1, 10)~~ may further comprise a group definition module for defining a group consisting of a plurality of users, and a specification designating module ~~(13)~~ for designating the layout specification record ~~(11)~~ usable for the group.